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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the various references which have come to Applicant's attention including the references cited in the International Search Report.

DE 196 01 442 A has been cited in the International Search Report under Category A (technological background). The entire document is stated to be relevant to PCT claim 1. The reference discloses a shifter device. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

U.S. 5,428,977 has been cited as technological background with regard to PCT claim 1. Column 2 lines 22 - 58 as well as the figures are stated to be relevant.

EP 0 852 307 has been cited as technological background with regard to PCT claim 1. Column 3 lines 23 - 48 as well as figures 2 - 6 are stated to be relevant. The reference relates to shiftlock units for shift lever devices.

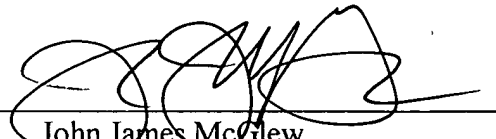
EP 0 519 208 has been cited as technological background as to PCT claim 1. Column 2 line 50 - column 3 line 2 as well as column 3 line 15 - line 26 and the figures are stated to be

relevant. The reference relates to a automatic shifting arrangement. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

DE 196 41 706 C1 discloses a shift arrangement with a pivoting locking device. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

DE 198 32 868 A1 discloses a latching element used for locking a selector lever of a vehicle. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

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